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Izmir, Turkey, 9-10 October 2018

**Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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## Introduction

1. In accordance with the UN Environment/MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Tirana, Albania, 17-21 December 2017) and in line with the objectives of the EU funded Marine Litter MED Project and the Cooperation Agreement between UN Environment and the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS), the Secretariat is organizing a Regional Meeting on Marine Litter Management Best Practices.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:
  - i. Review the progress on the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean;
  - ii. Promote sharing of best practices and lessons learnt among the Contracting Parties and from other regions with regards to the implementation of some marine litter management best practices;
  - iii. Share preliminary results, findings and lessons learnt from the implementation of several pilots on selected measures (Adopt-a-Beach, Fishing-for-Litter, development/implementation of the regulatory framework for the reduction of single-use plastic bags and promote Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), better management of sea-based litter in ports and marinas) at country level; and
  - iv. Review the main elements of draft regional guidelines addressing selected marine litter management measures.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 9 October 2018 by the Representative of UN Environment/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat, the representatives of the Host Country, Turkey, and the City of Izmir, Turkey.

### Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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#### *a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on Marine Litter Best Practices*

5. The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

#### *b) Election of Officers*

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

*c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.452/1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

*d) Organization of Work*

8. The discussions are proposed to be held in plenary sessions.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

10. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

11. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the two-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 10 October 2018 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda item 3: Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and Related Best Practices**

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1. Implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean;
2. Marine Litter Management Best Practices.

12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide a comprehensive overview of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean. This includes the implementation of a number of related pilot projects and activities executed in the framework of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED project and Cooperation Agreement between UN Environment and the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS).

13. The Meeting is expected to complement the information provided by the Secretariat with national experiences and presentations related to the implementation of different aspects and provisions of Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean. In consultation with the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat has invited a number of speakers to share countries experiences and regional best practices:

- “The Implementation of Marine Litter Best Practices in Albania” (Mrs Zana Vokopola, Urban Research Institute, Albania);
- “The development of the regulatory framework for the reduction of single-use plastic bags and the promotion of extended producer responsibility in Algeria” (Mr Youcef Kehila, Algiers Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urbanism (EPAU), National Agency for Waste (AND), National Conservatory of Environmental Training (CNFE));

- “Implementation of the Adopt-a-beach pilots and phase-out of single-use PET bottles in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (Mrs Sabina Hadziahmetovic, Hydro-Engineering Institute Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina);
- “Addressing Marine Litter Land- and Sea-based Sources in Cyprus” (Mr Konstantinos Antoniadis, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Cyprus);
- “The Implementation of the Adopt-a-beach pilots in Israel” (Mrs Sara Ohayon, Sea Guard-diving for the Mediterranean, The Israeli Diving Federation);
- “The implementation of Adopt-a-beach and beach clean-up activities in Lebanon” (Mrs Iffat Edriss, Operation Big Blue Association, Lebanon);
- “The Implementation of Adopt-a-beach and Fishing-for-Litter pilots in Libya” (Mrs Samia Grimida, Environment General Authority, Marine Pollution Control Unit, Libya);
- “Phase out of single-use plastic bags in Morocco” (Mr Taleb Hassan, Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement, Morocco);
- “Implementation of Key Marine Litter Best Practices in Slovenia” (Mr Stefan Trdan; Institute of Water for the Republic of Slovenia);
- “Best practices in the management of MARPOL wastes in Spanish ports – “Bonus System” ” (Mr Pablo Pedrosa Rey, Jefe de Área de Contaminación Marítima, Dirección General de la Marina Mercante, Ministerio de Fomento, Spain);
- “Phase out single use plastic bags in Tunisia” (Mr Ben Jeddou, Coastal Protection and Development Agency, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Republic of Tunisia);
- “The Implementation of the Blue Card System in Turkey” (Ms Özlem Özer, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, General Directorate of Environmental Management, Turkey);
- Marine litter experience, best practices, management and related developments in Red Sea and Gulf of Aden will be presented by the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA).

**Agenda item 4: Main Elements for Regional Guidelines for Selected Marine Litter Prevention and Reduction Measures**

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14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat and MAP components will introduce documents UNEP/MED WG.452/4, UNEP/MED WG.452/5, UNEP/MED WG.452/6, UNEP/MED WG.452/7, UNEP/MED, consisting of Main Elements for developing draft guidelines related to:

- i. Phase out single-use plastic bags;
- ii. Implement “Adopt-a-Beach “measure”;
- iii. Provisions of reception facilities in ports and delivery of ship-generated waste;
- iv. Applications of charges at reasonable cost for the use of port reception facilities or, when applicable, a no-special-fee system; and
- v. Scoping study of a socioeconomic analysis of measures to prevent/reduce single-use of plastic bags and bottles.

15. The Meeting is expected to review, provide input and guidance to the Secretariat on the proposed elements towards their timely preparation and submission to the next Regional Best Practices meeting envisaged in spring 2019 and MEDPOL Focal Point Meeting in late spring 2019.

**Agenda item 5: Any Other Business**

16. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

**Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations**

17. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting**

18. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Wednesday, 10 October 2018.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

<b>Tuesday, 9 October 2018</b>		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.452/1 UNEP/MED WG.452/2/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and Related Best Practices  1) Implementation of the Regional Plan	UNEP/MED WG.452/3  UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.5
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 3: Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and Related Best Practices  2) Marine Litter Management Best Practices (Contracting Parties and Invited Speakers)	UNEP/MED WG.452/3  UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.5
<b>Wednesday, 10 October 2018</b>		
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 4: Main Elements for Regional Guidelines for Selected Marine Litter Prevention and Reduction Measures	UNEP/MED WG.452/4 UNEP/MED WG.452/5 UNEP/MED WG.452/6 UNEP/MED WG.452/7 UNEP/MED WG.452/Inf.6
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:00	Agenda item 5: Any Other Business	
15.00 – 17.30	Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17.30	Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting	